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TOWN OFFICERS, 1887.

CLERK.

JAMES M. THOMPSON.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE,

JAMES M. THOMPSON,

TRUE M. MERRILL.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

GEORGE B. PIERCE.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of New Gloucester for the year ending March 12, 1888, are herewith submitted:

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation for the year 1887,	\$840,615 00
Number of polls, 316. Poll tax, \$2.50. Rate of taxation, .011 on \$1.00.	

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	\$2,258 10
County tax,	636 18
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Support of schools,	2,000 00
Contingent expenses,	1,400 00
Care of roads and bridges,	2,000 00
To pay town note,	1,000 00
For interest on outstanding notes and orders,	215 00
Repair of school-houses,	200 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
Amount of overlay,	229 46
Supplemental tax,	44 60
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Total amount committed to collector,	\$7,189 06
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	\$10,083 34

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from February 25, 1887, to February 27, 1888, have been as follows:

Received of Dennis Edwards, agent on the town farm,	\$12 00
J. I. Sturgis, for stove,	5 00
C. F. Sawyer, for use of town hall,	16 90

Received of E. Hilton, money loaned the town,	\$400 00
Mrs. E. L. Irish, money loaned the town,	37 00
M. C. Percival, money loaned the town,	550 00
G. H. Cobb, for taxes on real estate of Anthony S. Hatch, for year 1884,	2 52
O. H. Hersey, for lot No. 53 in cemetery, Lower Corner,	10 00
School fund and mill tax for 1886,	676 71
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1886,	469 00
Dennis Edwards,	100 00
William Small, tax on real estate of A. J. Ayer,	5 25
Ira C. Chase, tax on real estate of Centennial Mineral Spring Co., for years 1884 and 1885,	49 03
Dennis Edwards,	175 00
M. T. Holt, proceeds over and above expenses on dedication of town hall,	4 95
C. N. Fogg, Treasurer of New Gloucester school fund,	300 65
Town of Gray, tuition of scholars of C. M. Lane,	13 29
Town of Gray, for pauper expenses of Henry Plummer,	7 50
Dennis Edwards,	142 76
E. Y. Fogg, for shingles,	14 62
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1886,	418 23
B. W. Merrill, treasurer for 1886,	213 32
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1887,	6,700 00
Herman Webber, old hearse,	5 00
Town of Raymond, pauper expenses of C. R. Strout and Jesse May,	34 68

Received of J. M. Thompson, for use of town hall,	\$5 00
J. W. True, balance of pauper money drawn and not used,	1 00
	— \$10,369 41

EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the Treasurer for the year ending February 27, 1888, has been as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1886.

Paid J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$84 37
J. M. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	68 50
D. W. Merrill, selectman, assessor, etc.,	74 50
J. I. Sturgis, supervisor of schools,	75 00
B. W. Merrill, collector,	162 40
B. W. Merrill, notifying town meetings,	17 50
B. W. Merrill, treasurer of school fund,	13 00
M. T. Holt, services as committee on town house and cash advanced,	39 40
J. I. Sturgis, services as committee on town house,	25 00
A. H. Merrill, services as committee on town house,	25 00
O. C. Nelson, services as committee on town house,	20 00
S. H. Hackett, services as committee on town house,	21 60
Charles Schillenger, services as com- mittee on town house,	8 00
J. I. Sturgis, services as furnishing committee,	5 00
O. C. Nelson, services as furnishing committee,	5 00
G. W. Plummer, services as moderator,	7 50
J. M. Thompson, services as town clerk,	5 00
J. W. Humphrey, services as moderator,	1 50
Jabez True, services as committee on town house,	14 25
	—
	\$672 52

SCHOOLS.

	DR.
Paid for support of schools as per bills ap- proved by Supervisor,	\$2,893 51
Unexpended balance,	560 86
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	\$3,454 37
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By unexpended balance February 25, 1887,	\$463 72
Town appropriation,	2,000 00
State school fund and mill tax due January 1, 1887,	676 71
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1887,	300 65
Town of Gray,	13 29
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	\$3,454 37

FURNISHING HOUSE, GRADING AND FENCING
TOWN LOT.

Paid J. H. Ward, for hauling furniture,	\$3 00
S. H. Hackett, for labor,	51 00
Willis Bickford, for labor,	18 75
L. C. Berry, for labor,	63
C. P. Haskell, for labor,	46 00
C. S. Estes, for labor,	13 75
Chas. Brackett, for labor,	7 40
W. S. Williams, for labor,	6 00
G. Mountfort, for labor,	49 00
C. S. Haskell, for labor,	12 63
John W. Wilson, for labor,	14 37
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	\$222 53

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid I. H. Keith, for lead and oil,	\$20 90
Geo. Blake & Son, for lead and oil,	15 46
J. H. Day, lead and oil,	25 64
Geo. L. Harmon, for labor,	60 00
Coller & Crockett, stove and repairs,	20 60
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	\$142 60

Appropriation, \$200.00.

TOWN FARM.

Paid C. W. Carsley for labor over time,	\$4 75
Dennis Edwards, salary as agent,	300 00

\$304 75

PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Paid Lizzie M. Harmon,	\$15 00
Town of North Yarmouth for medical attendance on Deborah Tripp,	4 50
Town of Gray, for supplies furnished Geo. F. Berry,	5 18
City of Augusta, pauper expenses of Albert Curney,	51 75
C. H. N. Rowe, for supplies and care of S. B. Rowe and wife,	8 00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished S. B. Rowe,	4 35
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Andrew J. Strout,	17 50
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on wife of Asa Verrill,	7 50
J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Wm. Verrill,	30 00
I. H. Keith, for pauper supplies furnished Rosina Berry,	7 99
Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill,	35 00

	\$186 77

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid William Edwards, for board and care of H. S. Edwards, Casco paupers,	\$19 13
Dr. E. A. McCollister, medical attendance on child of Levi Jones, No. Berwick pauper,	19 25
I. H. Keith, pauper supplies, Levi Jones,	35 45
T. M. Merrill, clothing furnished Levi Jones' children,	8 65
I. H. Keith, supplies furnished C. R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	11 93

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Chas. R. Strout,	\$16 75
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Jesse May, Raymond pauper,	6 00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, medical attendance on Henry Plummer, Gray pauper,	7 50
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Elizabeth Dodd, Scarboro pauper,	11 25
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Charlotte Hurd, Starks pauper,	9 00
Sophia E. Bennett, for clothing and care of Charlotte Hurd,	10 00
J. H. Ward, for care of Charlotte Hurd,	1 25
Mrs. J. Crayton, for care of Charlotte Hurd,	1 00
Mrs. E. L. White, for care of Charlotte Hurd,	1 00
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	\$158 16

INMATES OF INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid for board, care, and clothing, for Thomas J. Brackett,	\$129 63
for board, care, and clothing, for Edwin G. Titcomb,	83 81
expenses in taking E. G. Titcomb to Insane Hospital,	21 60
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, medical attendance on E. G. Titcomb,	1 75
	—
	\$236 79

CEMETERIES.

Paid George Blake & Son, for lead and oil,	\$20 75
I. H. Keith, for lead and oil,	70 43
Herman Webber, for lead, oil, and labor,	37 00
George L. Harmon, for labor,	62 50
P. C. Burgess, for labor,	25 25
M. T. Holt, for labor and lumber,	6 82

Paid H. W. Johnson, for labor,	\$6 25
A. C. Shaw, for labor,	5 00
Frank Cummings, repairing hearse,	1 20

	\$235 20
Unexpended balance for 1886,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1885.

James Hodgkins, poll tax, residence unknown,	\$2 50
Cyrus Larrabee, personal estate,	51
Daniel McQuade, poll tax and personal es- tate, residence unknown,	3 08

	\$6 09

1886.

Lewis C. Blake, poll tax, disability,	\$2 50
John D. Bradbury, poll tax, disability,	2 50
James E. Bennett, under age, poll tax,	2 50
Mellen Carpenter, poll tax, and personal estate not liable,	3 10
Wm. R. Eveleth, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
John R. Foster, poll tax, and personal estate, disability and poor,	4 23
— Gilkie, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50
E. Huston, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
Isaac Hobart, poll tax, under age,	2 50
Cyrus Larrabee, personal estate,	42
T. H. Rowe, poll tax, in consideration of aid furnished S. B. Rowe and wife,	2 50
Jonah Jordan, poll tax, disability,	2 50
C. S. Haskell, real estate taxed twice by mistake,	1 20
C. R. Strout, poll tax, poor,	2 50
Horace White, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
W. F. Williams, poll tax, not liable,	2 50
Peter Coter, poll tax, residence unknown,	2 50

	\$41 45

1887.

Amos Batchelder, over valuation on real estate,	1 10
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid J. M. Thompson, for express on town books, and postage for 1886-87,	\$2 55
C. H. Thompson, for paper and printing notices, letter heads, etc.,	3 85
Lewiston Journal, for printing town reports,	33 00
H. R. Millett, for five years' insurance on town house,	90 00
W. H. Stevens & Co., for book and stationery,	12 90
F. O. Bailey & Co., for one hall safe,	100 00
S. F. Hilton, for attending nineteen funerals with hearse,	38 00
A. C. Shaw, for labor in town house,	3 00
A. C. Shaw, care of town house and repairs,	27 20
I. H. Keith, for oil and hardware for town house,	4 39
J. W. True, wood for town house,	17 00
Geo. W. Haskell, wood for town house,	6 00
F. W. Berry, wood for town house,	4 00
J. M. Small, for fitting wood,	1 00
Lewis Gower, for fitting wood,	75
Coller & Crockett, tin-ware for town house,	35
King & Dexter, for repairing lock for town house,	2 00
J. W. True, for postage on registered letters, etc.,	1 76
J. W. True, for contingent expenses,	4 10
T. M. Merrill, for contingent expenses,	1 00
B. W. Merrill, to pay taxes on non-resident property now owned by the town,	9 60
M. C. Percival, for money loaned the town,	550 00

Paid E. Hilton, for money loaned the town,	\$400 00
Martha B. Irish, for money loaned the town,	37 00
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay interest on money loaned the town,	30 70
	— \$1,380 15

NEW TOWN HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Portland Savings Bank, note No. 1, due September 1, 1887,	\$1,000 00
Portland Savings Bank, interest on notes,	144 07
O. C. Nelson, interest on town order,	30 00
	— \$1,174 07

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1885.

Paid I. H. Keith, powder, fuse, and nails,	\$1 08
Geo. S. Wilson,	3 50
M. W. Bennett,	1 20
	—
	\$5 78

1886.

Paid Walter Brackett,	\$5 37
G. S. Wilson,	3 38
B. S. Small,	65
Wm. Witham,	4 25
W. H. Eveleth,	8 62
B. Brackett,	9 25
J. H. Ward,	6 66
G. Z. Benson,	6 19
Chas. Ayer,	75
C. A. Estes,	2 27
F. H. Nevens,	1 00
J. True,	50
W. H. True,	5 38
C. H. N. Rowe,	7 63
D. N. Jordan,	5 25
G. W. Ricker,	1 50
E. True,	13 25

Paid A. F. Cole,	\$3 12
M. W. Bennett,	2 40
F. H. Morse,	16 75
J. L. Davis,	6 00
M. C. Clark,	6 13
C. R. Atwood,	2 00
F. Stinchfield,	1 06
G. W. Haskell,	4 13
A. H. Merrill,	10 63
A. Wilson,	66
John Strout,	50
F. M. Nevens,	8 37
J. Whitman,	1 50
Samuel Hicks,	10 50
E. J. Mitchell,	5 37
A. Larrabee,	3 19
B. F. Fickett,	4 08
A. L. Field,	60
C. L. Rice,	2 10
J. C. Pendexter,	96
C. H. Nelson,	4 72
S. M. Farnam,	25
H. M. Dunn,	3 87
A. I. Nevens,	1 13
A. H. Nevens,	18 15
Hillsdale Farm,	33 15
A. J. Haskell,	10 94
L. C. Blake,	1 25
E. C. Nason,	6 06
J. C. Lane,	2 56
J. M. Lane,	3 58
C. Lane,	1 00
C. Cobb,	91
A. C. Chandler,	8 44
G. B. Pierce,	3 25
R. E. Jordan,	2 00
C. Shillenger,	5 50
R. W. Fogg,	5 76
C. N. Fogg,	75
J. P. Jordan,	6 10

Paid L. Winslow,	\$9 75
A. G. Merrill,	3 50
E. M. Morgan,	9 75
E. W. Hill,	12 75
J. G. Bennett, snow fence,	10 00
E. P. Blake,	38 10
W. E. Blake,	12 67
L. C. Curtis,	1 05
A. Carsley,	1 80
G. Mountfort,	1 50
S. C. Bickford,	4 87
I. H. Keith, for shovels, nails, etc.,	2 25
C. W. Carsley,	2 50
A. Buck,	60 00
K. R. Buck,	8 63
S. H. Hackett,	4 50
P. H. Hubbard,	51 70
J. L. Megquier,	26 12
J. W. Humphrey,	1 00
G. W. Plummer,	2 33
A. A. Hunnewell,	1 95
United Society of Shakers,	16 80
A. Estes, for lumber,	14 55
J. W. Sawyer,	6 00
N. G. and J. A. Tufts,	12 07
C. P. Haskell,	1 82

	\$609 28

1887.

Paid P. H. Hubbard,	\$21 88
A. Morse,	4 12
J. H. Ward,	7 22
J. W. Sawyer,	3 20
N. G. and J. A. Tufts,	7 73
C. P. Haskell,	10 92
I. H. Keith, powder, fuse, and spikes,	3 87
C. M. Witham,	9 75
J. H. Dunn,	1 50
E. M. Morgan,	5 13
E. W. Hill,	6 88

Paid A. Buck,	\$46 56
T. Berry,	13 25
J. Strout,	1 69
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	45 95
M. G. Chute,	2 63
A. H. Merrill,	34 50
M. Carpenter,	3 53
T. J. Greeley,	61 13
E. P. Blake,	698 79
W. E. Blake,	117 00
W. H. Eveleth,	120 51
G. Mountfort,	63 76
K. R. Buck,	6 00
Henry Sawyer,	7 88
Scott Snow,	3 57
John Wells,	87
Howard Bennett,	1 00
Oscar Stinchfield,	1 00
B. McIntire,	1 00
G. B. Penney,	2 00
Sidney Bennett,	3 50
G. H. Clark,	2 50
S. C. Bickford,	8 63
A. Carsley,	2 10
L. C. Curtis,	2 55
J. Churchill,	8 41
C. Brackett, repairing road machine, etc.,	5 46
Wesley Strout,	6 32
J. Strout,	5 88
J. L. H. Greeley,	75
D. P. Smith,	5 92
John Wilson,	1 06
E. F. Field,	1 88
E. W. Small,	1 82
H. Woodbury,	50
C. E. Thompson,	30
Bert Weymouth,	60
Charles Tidd,	6 00
E. W. Curtis,	75
F. Cummings, pole for road machine,	2 00

Paid S. H. Hackett,	\$4 30
Walter Brackett,	6 24
G. S. Wilson,	1 12
Wm. Witham,	2 81
W. W. Witham,	2 81
B. Brackett,	8 88
G. Z. Benson,	95
F. M. Thayer,	37
W. S. Estes,	37
Charles Ayer,	75
C. A. Estes,	75
M. W. Bennett,	75
F. H. Nevens,	75
J. True,	75
W. H. True,	6 30
C. H. N. Rowe,	6 62
D. N. Jordan,	5 75
G. W. Ricker,	2 63
E. True,	16 88
N. Rideout,	44 75
A. F. Cole,	5 63
A. J. Dawes,	4 37
L. Winslow,	17 00
B. S. Shailer,	7 00
J. Welch,	2 50
W. F. Cobb,	50
F. H. Morse,	13 87
J. F. McCann,	10 13
J. L. Davis,	9 38
M. C. Clark,	4 25
C. H. Wharff,	1 12
C. R. Atwood,	63
David Allen,	25
G. H. Chase,	1 00
G. W. Haskell,	9 00
A. Wilson,	1 00
John Strout,	1 63
J. Edwards,	38
Otis Verrill,	63
M. Hodgkins,	63

Paid E. N. Gilbert,	\$2 88
D. C. McIntire,	1 50
F. M. Nevens,	6 00
J. Whitman,	2 37
Samuel Hicks,	8 25
E. J. Mitchell,	4 65
A. Larrabee,	2 43
B. F. Fickett,	2 38
A. L. Field,	3 53
C. L. Rice,	6 82
J. C. Pendexter,	6 88
C. H. Nelson,	9 34
S. M. Farnam,	41
H. M. Dunn,	6 94
C. S. Estes,	1 00
A. J. Nevens,	1 37
L. L. Whitman,	63
A. H. Nevens,	2 12
Hillsdale Farm,	69 95
S. Estes,	50
J. L. Megquier,	36 87
J. W. Humphrey,	3 35
A. C. Chandler,	10 25
G. B. Pierce,	5 75
R. E. Jordan,	4 63
B. S. Small,	3 31
C. Schillenger,	6 50
R. W. Fogg,	5 49
C. N. Fogg,	63
G. W. Hatch,	1 13
J. B. Hammond,	1 78
F. Titcomb,	63
H. Symonds,	63
N. and J. E. Bennett,	8 30
S. W. Bragdon,	5 12
Wm. E. Marsh,	4 12
J. P. Jordan,	13 39
S. W. Ayer,	19 62
W. C. Bickford,	63
J. W. True,	10 62

Paid W. L. Shurtleff,	\$1 51
J. M. Thompson,	1 36
D. Berry,	5 00
Wm. C. Eveleth,	12 20
Dennis Edwards,	16 20
C. S. Haskell,	60
Charles Mitchell, castings for road machine,	75
A. G. Stevens, rent of stable,	5 00
M. T. Holt,	2 20
C. H. Tripp,	7 25
B. W. Merrill, cash paid out for public watering tubs,	33 00
	— 1,953 95
Total amount of receipts,	10,369 41
Total amount of expenditures,	\$10,224 70
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	144 71
	— \$10,369 41

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$144 71
Amount due from Collector,	489 06
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1887,	453 05
State school fund and mill tax for 1887,	705 66
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1888,	261 30
Due from Town of Poland, for the tuition of scholars for 1885 and 1886 (estimated),	50 00
Due from Town of Casco,	46 13
Town of Poland,	8 00
Town of Scarboro,	11 25
Town of Starks,	22 25
Town of North Berwick,	63 35
New Gloucester Grange, for settees,	40 00
Liquor and casks,	74 01
Due for use of town hall,	24 00
Balance against the town,	3,111 42
	— \$5,504 19

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the schools February 27, 1888,	\$560 86
Collector's fees for 1887,	100 83
Town officers' bills (estimated),	335 00
Outstanding road bills (estimated),	750 00
Other outstanding bills (estimated),	60 00
Outstanding order, O. C. Nelson,	600 00
Due E. Y. Fogg, for school-house lot,	75 00
Due the Portland Savings Bank (notes),	3,000 00
Due Portland Savings Bank, for interest,	22 50
	———— \$5,504 19

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

DENNIS EDWARDS, AGENT.

	DR.
To Agent's salary,	\$300 00
paid C. W. Carsley, for work over time,	4 75
stock bought,	183 16
supplies bought,	687 84
balance in favor of the farm,	159 66
	———— \$1,335 41

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	CR.
By product from the cows,	\$627 65
stock sold,	212 00
sweet corn sold,	215 60
other sales from the farm,	213 37
board of Agent's horse,	32 50
produce, tools, etc., more than last year,	34 29
	———— \$1,335 41

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND SUPPLIES ON THE FARM.

Two horses, 11 cows, 1 yearling heifer, 2 calves, 3 hogs, 45 hens, 21 tons of hay, $5\frac{1}{2}$ bushels beans, 300 pounds ground feed, 60 bushels oats, 90 gallons vinegar, 80 gallons cider, 400 pounds pork, $\frac{1}{3}$ barrel soft soap, 40 pounds lard, $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds butter, 6 pounds coffee, $1\frac{1}{3}$ barrels flour, 3 pounds tea, 15 pounds sugar, 50 bars soap, 15 bushels potatoes, $20\frac{3}{4}$ tons ice, 20 cords fitted wood, and vegetables enough for family use.

Mr. Dennis Edwards, Agent on the farm, has managed it very successfully, and has demonstrated the fact that farming can be made to pay. We attribute his success to his industry, earnest work, and close attention to business. He did an unusual amount of work last fall in plowing, applying dressing, and clearing bushes from the field and pasture.

Mrs. Edwards has performed her duties prudently and faithfully, and has taken good care of the poor. She is a remarkable housekeeper, considering the dilapidated condition of the old house, every part being clean from the cellar to the attic.

There are but two paupers on the farm. Dennis Edwards and wife have been employed to take charge of the farm the ensuing year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Harmon has been self-supporting until the first of January, when she called for aid, and we sent her \$15. She will probably want but little more from the town, as her children are doing considerable towards her support.

Mrs. Charlotte Hurd was taken sick at the house of Ozias M. Lunt, and we were notified to take charge of her, which we did at a cost of \$22.25. After a thorough investigation we were convinced that she had a derivative settlement in the town of Starks; therefore a notice was sent to that town, and we have received no denial.

Mr. William Verrill was taken sick the first of the winter and called for help. Provisions have been furnished him to the amount of \$11.88, and medical attendance to the amount of \$30. He died February 26th, and the town was notified to take charge of the preparations for the funeral and burial, which was done at an expense of \$33. The bills for provisions and funeral expenses have not been paid.

In consideration of the condition of J. A. Verrill, on demand of Lafayette Tenney and wife it was thought advisable to increase their compensation to \$1.50 per week for his board, care, and clothes.

Thomas J. Brackett still remains at the Insane Hospital in a very insane condition, with no hope of improvement.

We were notified last June by Mr. Elbridge Titcomb that his son, E. G. Titcomb, was insane. The case was investigated

and an examination made by two physicians, who pronounced him insane; therefore he was committed to the Insane Hospital, where he now remains. It is a very sad case—a bright, active, well-educated man, yet not competent to care for himself on account of insanity.

By vote of the town at the last annual meeting the building of the Ricker Road was left in the hands of the Selectmen, with authority to build the coming season if acceptable arrangements could be made. We failed to make any arrangements which in our judgment would be for the interest of the town, but expect to show to the town at the next annual meeting the actual expense of constructing the road during the coming season; also the difference of cost, if any, if built before June 20th, as desired by the Messrs. Rickers.

The road bills have been unusually large during the past year, on account of the severe rains in summer and drifting snows in winter, necessitating a great amount of labor to keep the roads in a suitable condition for public travel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TRUE,
J. M. THOMPSON,
T. M. MERRILL,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To received from :	DR.
Dennis Edwards, agent on the town farm,	\$12 00
J. I. Sturgis, for stove,	5 00
C. F. Sawyer, for use of town hall,	16 90
E. Hilton and Mrs. E. L. Irish, money loaned the town,	437 00
M. C. Percival, money loaned the town,	550 00
G. H. Cobb, tax on land owned by A. S. Hatch, 1884,	2 52
O. H. Hersey, for lot No. 53 in cemetery at Lower Corner,	10 00
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax for 1886,	676 71
Railroad and telegraph tax for 1886,	469 00
Dennis Edwards, agent for town farm,	100 00
William Small, tax on non-resident land taxed to A. J. Ayer,	5 25
I. C. Chase, for land taxed to Centennial Spring Co., for 1884 and 1885,	49 03
Dennis Edwards, agent on town farm,	175 00
M. T. Holt, proceeds over and above dedi- cation on town hall,	4 95
C. N. Fogg, treasurer of New Gloucester school fund,	300 65
Town of Gray, tuition of children of C. M. Lane,	13 29
Town of Gray, pauper expenses of Henry Plummer,	7 50
Dennis Edwards, agent on the town farm,	142 76
E. Y. Fogg, for shingles,	14 62
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1886,	418 23

To received from :	DR.
B. W. Merrill, treasurer for 1886,	\$213 32
B. W. Merrill, collector for 1887,	6,700 00
Herman Webber, for old hearse,	5 00
Town of Raymond, pauper expenses of	
C. R. Strout and Jesse May,	34 68
J. M. Thompson, for use of town hall,	5 00
J. W. True, balance of an order unexpended	
for Rosina Berry in 1886,	1 00
	———— \$10,369 41
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By town orders taken up,	\$10,224 70
Cash in the treasury,	144 71
	———— \$10,369 41

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND.

FROM APRIL 23, 1887, TO APRIL 23, 1888.

Amount of capital in secured notes by	
first mortgages on real estate is	\$3,472 30
Amount of bank stock,	1,081 50
	—————
	\$4,553 80
Amount of interest collected the past year,	\$264 65
Amount of interest collected, due in 1886,	36 00
	—————
Paid Town Treasurer,	\$300 65

The interest is paid on all the notes to April 23, 1887.

CHARLES N. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount received from the fund,	\$30 00
Amount paid to the paupers on the Town	
Farm,	\$5 00
Amount paid to the poor of the town not	
on the Farm,	15 00
Amount paid Mrs. Lizzie M. Harmon of	
Calais,	10 00
	—————
	\$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

New Gloucester, February 27, 1888.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester:

The Supervisor of schools respectfully submits the following annual report:

The whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, was	414
Whole number attending Summer Schools,	205
Average number attending Summer Schools,	172
Whole number attending Fall Schools,	191
Average number attending Fall Schools,	173
Whole number attending Winter Schools,	202
Average number attending Winter Schools,	163

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Amount in the treasury available for school purposes, February 25, 1887,	\$22 28
Amount voted by the town,	2,000 00
Received from the State school fund and mill tax, due January 1, 1887,	676 71
Received from town school fund,	300 65
Received from the town of Gray, for tuition,	13 29
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	\$3,012 93

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages, for Summer Schools, including board,	\$753 00
teachers' wages for Fall Schools, including board,	780 00
teachers' wages for Winter Schools, including board,	1,042 00
for school supplies,	35 61
care of school buildings,	54 72
cleaning school-houses,	15 50
maps, globe, etc.,	25 00
Anatomical Study or charts,	35 00
wood and coal, for use in 1887 (under-estimated),	55 00

Paid for wood and coal, for use in 1888 (estimated),	\$140 45
John L. Megquier, for carrying scholars to school,	14 32
Due Frank Edwards, proportion of money for 1887,	28 64
Due Geo. S. Wilson, proportion of money for 1887,	7 16
	———— \$2,986 40
Balance unexpended,	\$26 53

SCHOOL No. 1—LOWER CORNER.

This school has been under the care of Miss Lilla M. Scales during the entire school year. Miss Scales has had much successful experience with village and difficult schools, and is perfectly at home in the school-room; her order and discipline were excellent, and all worked together in good harmony during each term, and the work accomplished was very satisfactory. This teacher awakened quite an interest in the minds of her pupils for Mineralogy, and during the Summer and Fall Terms they collected many good specimens and arranged them nicely upon the shelves which they caused to be put up in a corner of their school-room.

SCHOOL No. 2—UPPER CORNER.

For four successive terms Miss Jillie H. Mayhew has taught this school and with the best success. The closing examination showed that the pupils had been well instructed, and it was gratifying to see their readiness to answer questions, and the good understanding they seemed to have of what had been their school work. Their mental drill in Arithmetic was excellent, and it was pleasing to see how well those young minds could take hold of problems and analyze them. Miss Mayhew is an excellent teacher, and her good and kind instructions will be long remembered.

SCHOOL No. 3—BALD HILL.

Miss Mary D. Pollard, teacher. This is one of our best schools, and it has been very gratifying during each term to visit it, and to see the good feeling and homelike appearance of this school. The drill which these scholars received was very thorough, and the refined taste which the teacher and pupils showed by adorning their pleasant and well kept school-room with fine pictures, beautiful flowers and a good organ to aid them in their singing exercises, speaks well for all. Miss Pollard is an energetic teacher, fully up with the times, and determined to make a success of whatever she undertakes, and her pupils seemed to partake of the same spirit which made this school a successful one.

SCHOOL No. 4—COBB'S BRIDGE.

Miss Clara I. Dyer taught the Summer Term. She has fine teaching abilities, and her methods of developing principles, showing reasons, and analyzing are excellent, but her pupils did not take hold with quite so much appreciation and determination as we desired to see.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Mabel A. Foss, who, with her excellent qualifications, good teaching abilities, energy, and activity, we felt sure would make her school successful and profitable.

The Winter Term was under the instruction of Miss Luetta M. Wescott, who taught a very excellent school, giving to her scholars a very practical drill. We were pleased to see so many large scholars attending this school, some of them being quite well advanced in their studies.

SCHOOL No. 5—BEAR BROOK.

This school has been under the care of Miss Hattie J. Loring during the year. Miss Loring is a very able and faithful teacher, who labors for the permanent good of her pupils. Her method of instruction is such as will help the reasoning faculties and lead the young minds along so as to understand principles and not make superficial and mechanical scholars. The government and discipline of this school were excellent, and the first and last examination presented a pleasing contrast.

SCHOOL No. 6—HARRIS HILL.

Mrs. Ida Q. Moulton, teacher in summer. She found it somewhat difficult at first to establish that good order and quietness which she felt to be very necessary, but she succeeded finely in bringing about the desired result, and made her school an excellent one.

The Fall school was taught by Miss Rosa E. Keniston, who is a thorough disciplinarian, and very systematic and correct in all her school work; her pupils showed that they had been well instructed, and had accomplished very satisfactory results.

The commencement of the Winter school was delayed three weeks on account of scarlet fever being in the district, and then but few of the scholars attended for the first two weeks, which made it somewhat discouraging for the teacher, Miss Grace E. Curtis. The school rallied under Miss Curtis's well-directed efforts and accomplished a good amount of school work.

SCHOOL No. 7—POND.

This school, in summer, was taught by Miss Mary L. Bickford, who found her scholars to be restless and unable at first to settle down to quiet study, but she gradually brought them into better condition

to study and made decided improvement in the appearance of the school, and made it profitable to all.

The Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Jordan, who, being a good disciplinarian and worker, seemed to take the school at the point where Miss Bickford left it and to carry it on in a steady course of improvement, so that at our last visit the order and appearance of the school were excellent, and good improvement in everything was very noticeable.

SCHOOL No. 8—WEBBER.

This is one of our best and most agreeable schools. It has been a pleasure to visit it during each term and notice the good feeling and co-operation on the part of teacher and scholars. Miss Luetta M. Wescott was teacher in summer and fall, also the previous winter, and she gave her pupils good, thorough instruction, and they made satisfactory progress in all their studies. Miss Wescott left the school in good condition for her successor, Miss Lillian S. Mallett, who is a teacher well fitted to please and to give satisfaction. She quickly saw the good condition of her school and onward became her motto, and under her excellent instruction the school was very satisfactory to all.

SCHOOL No. 9—SHAKER'S.

It is the custom of this school to have only a Summer and Winter Term, the latter being sixteen weeks. Miss Ada S. Cummings has had charge of this school for some years, and she has ably and faithfully performed a teacher's duties. Each examination indicated a good degree of interest on the part of the pupils. The exercises in reading, speaking, original composition, and singing were very creditable to the school. At the last examination the classes in Civil Government, Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, and Physiology showed a very excellent knowledge of these branches, and the many difficult questions which they answered with great promptness would puzzle many older minds. Miss Cummings is deserving of much credit for her practical and thorough instruction.

SCHOOL No. 11—MEADOW BROOK.

Miss Helen L. Nevins, teacher. This is a very small school, but the scholars are quite well advanced and disposed to work. It requires on the part of the teacher much patience, self-control, and will power to teach successfully so small a school and keep it from becoming dull and monotonous. Miss Nevins carefully guarded against this and made her school pleasant and profitable to all. This school was fortunate in having the services of so able and faithful a teacher as Miss Nevins.

SCHOOL No. 12—PENNEY ROAD.

This is another very small school, and the Summer Term was taught by Miss Mabel A. Foss, who succeeded well in keeping her pupils interested in their work and making her school a success.

The Fall Term was in charge of Miss Julia A. Curtis, who bids fair to become an excellent teacher. Her pupils were much interested in their school work and made very commendable progress.

The Winter school was under the instruction of Miss Mary L. Bickford, who is one of our well known and tried teachers. Her pupils were much interested in their work and accomplished much. Miss Bickford needs no commendations, for she has taught more terms of school in town than any other resident teacher now in the teacher's ranks.

SCHOOL No. 13—BICKFORD'S.

The Summer school was under the able and faithful instruction of Miss Mary E. Jordan.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Hattie E. True, who gained the love of her pupils by her kind and mild discipline. Her pupils were quite young and made commendable progress.

Miss Carrie M. Gilman was teacher for the Winter school. A number of large scholars attended during this term, which added much to the interest of this school, and Miss Gilman made it pleasant and profitable to all.

The past year has been one of much prosperity to our schools. Nearly all the teachers have been those who have fitted themselves in the best schools of our State and other States for teaching, and have had experience as teachers. The government and discipline, with one or two exceptions, have been of a high order. Whispering was abolished from about every school. The teachers have made their instruction practical by supplementing text-books. Colburn's Improved Mental Arithmetic has been put into every school-room, and if faithfully used will make our scholars much quicker, more practical and independent thinkers. Grammar has been taught more practically by writing upon the blackboard and paper, and then analyzing and criticising. A new interest has been awakened in the study of Physiology by the addition of Yaggy's Anatomical Study. Our school-rooms have been well cared for, and not injured as some of them have been in previous years. Outside painting has been done upon the Shaker's, Bickfords's, and Cobb's Bridge school-houses. Inside painting and repairing has been done in Bald Hill, Lower Corner, and Meadow Brook school-rooms. The fence around Bear Brook school-house has been painted. A fine crystal blackboard

has been put into the Shaker school-room, and an excellent set of Outline Maps, Globe, etc., into the Lower Corner school-room. Some general repairs and painting will be necessary the coming year, and a small appropriation should be continued. Our excellent school-houses speak well for our town, and should be the just pride of every citizen. In order that our schools may progress, it will be necessary to employ teachers who have fitted themselves in our best training schools, and have proved to be successful and progressive.

I think it would be well to add to our graduating course and thus hold our advanced scholars in the schools one or even two years longer, or else establish a high school. It has been a sad mistake for some of our graduates that they graduated as early as they did, for they have had no opportunity to attend school since.

We are glad that the Misses Stevens have opened a boarding school at the Lower Corner, and hope it will be liberally patronized by the many in town who desire to attend a school of this kind but do not feel financially able to attend schools out of town.

In closing, I would thank the teachers for their faithful work and co-operation in carrying out such plans as seemed to be for the good of the schools, also the pupils for their kind and courteous attentions.

GEORGE B. PIERCE,

Supervisor of Schools.

New Gloucester, February 27, 1888.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a Constable of the Town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the twelfth day of March, A.D. 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9th.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see if the town will vote to allow George S. Wilson, John B. Sawyer, Francis Edwards, Nathan E. Fickett, John L. Megquier, and Thomas C. Wells to draw their proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school-houses in repair.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries in repair.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see if the town will vote to raise by assessment, \$1000, to pay a note due the Portland Savings Bank, September 1, 1888; also, \$170, to pay the interest on outstanding notes and orders.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a school-house on the Morse Road, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to establish a public library in town, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to purchase books, provide a code of rules and regulations, and make all other necessary arrangements for a library.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see what action the town will take to build that part of the road located in New Gloucester known as the Ricker Road, as laid out by the joint action of the County Commissioners of the Counties of Androscoggin and Cumberland, commencing near the house of John Carpenter in Poland, thence by the house of John C. Pendexter to the Auburn town line, and to see how much money the town will raise to build the same.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see how much money the town will vote to raise for defraying the expense for the observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to abate the amount due from Geo. E. Whitman Post, G. A. R., for the use of the town hall to February 27, 1888.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to paint the town house, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 21st.

To see if the town will vote to build a fence around the town house lot, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to enlarge the cemetery at the Upper Corner, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to exempt the New Gloucester and Danville Agricultural Society from taxation.

ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote to aid Cyrus Larrabee in consideration of the loss of his horse while breaking roads.

ARTICLE 25th.

To see if the town will vote to change the outside doors of the town house so that they shall swing inside.

ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to change the location of the town farm by selling the present farm and purchasing another in a locality better adapted to meet the business necessities of the town, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 27th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a team to work on its road machine, and to do any other work that the town may see fit for the team to do, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 28th.

To see if the town will vote to widen the road near the school-house at the head of the pond, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 29th.

To see if the town will vote to furnish free text-books to scholars in the public schools of the town, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town house at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at New Gloucester, this second day of March, A.D. 1888.

J. W. TRUE,

J. M. THOMPSON,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.



